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# SULPHUR SPRINGS NEWS

New Windsor, MD



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Neal C. Roop

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### MEETINGS:

Town Council  
First Wednesday  
of Month

### Work Session

Third Monday of Month

### Planning Commission

Fourth Monday of Month

### TOWN OFFICE

410-635-6575  
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### MAYOR ROOP'S MESSAGE



The Blue Ridge and College Avenue Street Project is underway. A long time in the making but it will be worth the wait. On June 14, ECM Construction began forming curbs on Blue Ridge. By the time this newsletter is distributed, all of the curbing and sidewalk on Blue Ridge Avenue should be completed. This street project was made possible through a grant for \$673,300 from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. This project is scheduled to be completed by the last week in August 2019.

More construction! I'm sure you are aware of the construction going on along Route 31 at Snader's Summit. The outlook for the next three months will be the continuation of major grading that is currently underway and getting utility construction started and fully underway. The builder hopes to be far enough along with the site work to be able to start Model home construction sometime in the fall.

And hopefully more construction! I submitted a grant application through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Legacy Program. The Community Legacy Program provides local governments and community development organizations with funding for essential projects aimed at strengthening communities through activities such as business retention and attraction, encouraging homeownership and commercial revitalization. If awarded, the grant would fund the foundation stabilization at the Historic Dielman Inn. There's an investor who would like to open up a bakery and coffee shop in Dielman Inn with plans to expand. Stay tuned!

Lastly, I want to thank the residents who supported the PAYT trash pilot program. Overall, the pilot program was a tremendous success. For the first seven months of the program, the average trash picked up decreased from 41.27 tons to 24.21 tons per month (-41.34%). Recycling increased from 10.22 tons to 13.62 tons per month (+33.27%). Although the pilot program ended on June 25, I encourage everyone to continue recycling as much as possible. The Town is charged \$64.00 per ton for trash to be dumped at the County landfill. As you can see, the Town can save a lot of money when everyone supports recycling.



# TOWN CALENDAR



<b>July</b>	
July 2	Walk w/ Mayor
July 3	Yard Waste
July 4 & 5	Independence Day, Office Closed
July 15	Combined Town Council/Work Session - 7:00 PM at Community Meeting Room
July 16	Walk w/ Mayor
July 17	Yard Waste
July 22	Planning Comm. - 7:30 PM at Community Meeting Room
<b>August</b>	
Aug 6	Walk w/ Mayor
Aug 6	National Night Out - 6:30-8:30 PM at NW Carnival Grounds
Aug 7	Yard Waste
Aug 7	Town Council - 7:00 PM at Community Meeting Room
Aug 19	Work Session - 7:00 PM at Community Meeting Room
Aug 20	Walk w/ Mayor
Aug 21	Yard Waste
Aug 26	Planning Comm. - 7:30 PM at Community Meeting Room
<b>September</b>	
Sept 2	Labor Day, Office Closed
Sept 3	Walk w/ Mayor
Sept 4	Yard Waste
Sept 4	Town Council - 7:00 PM at Community Meeting Room
Sept 16	Work Session - 7:00 PM at Community Meeting Room
Sept 17	Walk w/ Mayor
Sept 18	Yard Waste
Sept 23	Planning Comm. - 7:30 PM at Community Meeting Room
Sept 23-25	Read water meters, please keep dogs inside those days
<b>October</b>	
Oct 5	MUSIC ON THE MAIN!! 1:00-7:00 PM

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S!!**  
 Town of New Windsor and NWSB Bank is hosting a **SHRED DAY!!**  
 Saturday, October 26, 2019  
 Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
 Location: Back parking lot of the NWSB Bank New Windsor location.  
 213 Main Street  
 New Windsor, MD 21776

**BULK TRASH**  
 Saturday, October 26  
 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**TRASH PICK-UP REMAINS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY WEEK**

**Curfew**  
 "Do You Know Where Your Children Are?"  
 Curfews for children under the age of 18 are:  
 11:00 PM on Friday & Saturday

**Yard Waste**  
 Yard Waste will be picked up on the first and third **Wednesdays** of each month **starting April 3** and ending in October. Yard Waste includes grass cuttings, leaves, shrub clippings, flowers, small plants and branches not over 4 inches in diameter or 4 foot in length. Branches must be tied in bundles. Yard waste should be placed in brown paper bags or containers that can be easily dumped; these containers should not weigh over 40 pounds.



**FIREWORKS**  
 The Mayor and Town Council would like to remind everyone:  
**FIREWORKS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS**



# NEW WINDSOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

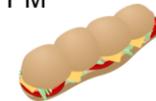
**Tuesday Night Bingo**  
**Cash Prizes Only**

- 4 Early Birds
- 16 Regular Games
- 3 Special
- 2 Quickie Games
- 1 Jackpot Games

**Refreshments available**  
 Doors open at 5:30 pm  
 Food available at 6:00 PM Games start at 7:00 pm



## Auxiliary

**Sub Sale**  
 Windsor Station  
 Orders due by Friday, August 16th  
 Pick-up Wednesday, August 28th from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
 Cost: \$5.50   
 7" subs  
 American Cold Cut  
 Italian Cold Cut  
 Roast Beef  
 Ham & Cheese  
 Pretzel Ham & Cheese  
 Pretzel Turkey & Cheese

**13 Week Club Drawing and Dinner**  
 First Drawing is Friday, July 19th  
 Final Drawing and Dinner, Saturday, October 12th  
 Ticket: \$13.00  
 If interested and/or need more information please call Dorothy Rue (410)-775-7402

New Windsor, Maryland

1844 - 2019

175 Years



The **New Windsor Heritage Committee**  
is **CELEBRATING** New Windsor's 175th anniversary with

## **FREE Walking Tours & Carriage Rides**

of historic sites throughout the town.

Before/after your tour, visit the New Windsor Museum  
for light refreshments and musical entertainment.

**Saturday, October 26, 2019, 12:00 - 4:00 PM**

**Start Times:**

**12:15 1:00 1:45 2:30 3:15**

**Carriage Rides are FREE,**

**but RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED**

Please contact Lisa Macurak at [lamacurak@gmail.com](mailto:lamacurak@gmail.com)

to make a reservation!

**Walking tours are FREE,**

**but group size is limited, so the tours will be filled  
on a first-come, first-served basis.**



The New Windsor Heritage Committee is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the history of New Windsor. Learn more at [www.newwindsorheritage.org](http://www.newwindsorheritage.org) or visit the committee's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/newwindsorheritage](http://www.facebook.com/newwindsorheritage).



## **MUSIC on the MAIN**

Saturday, October 5, 2019, 1:00 - 7:00 PM

Live Music

- 1:00-2:30 Trinidad and Tobago Baltimore Steel Orchestra
- 2:30-4:00 Morning Sky
- 4:00-5:30 The Josh Christina Band
- 5:30-7:00 Half Serious

Beer & Wine Garden, Food & Craft Vendors,  
Games & Children Activities, and More!

Main Street in New Windsor will be closed from Union Bridge Road to  
High Street for the event!

For more information or to reserve a *Music on the Main* vendor space,  
please contact Kalena Bartoszak at the Town of New Windsor.



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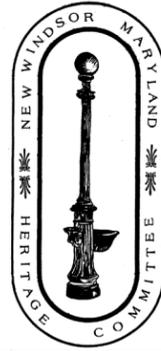
## NEW WINDSOR FIRE DEPARTMENT CARNIVAL GROUNDS

Tuesday, August 6, 2019  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Sheriff's Department and Fire Department Demonstrations

State and County Agencies

Moon Bounce



## New Windsor Heritage Committee (NWHC) Upcoming Events

The New Windsor Heritage Committee has a host of upcoming events slated for the summer and fall.



**Archaeological digs** led by teacher and NWHC member, Lisa Macurak, continue to take place in town this summer. **Summer dig dates** are **Saturdays, June 22, July 13, July 27, August 3 and August 17** from **10 a.m. to noon**. Students age 11 or older are welcome to participate. Be prepared to get dirty! For more information, email [lamacurak@gmail.com](mailto:lamacurak@gmail.com)

**New Windsor Hall of Fame,**  
**Saturday, November 9, 6:00 PM** at  
Springdale Preparatory School, Zigler Hall,  
500 Main St., New Windsor.

Ten inductees from the town's past and present (175 years !) will be honored for their contributions to the community.

In addition to recognizing this year's inductees, the evening will include a buffet dinner and complimentary beverages. Tickets are \$30 each and will go on sale in September. Check the NWHC website/Facebook page for information on purchasing tickets. Questions? Contact Sandee Custen at [sgwilkof@gmail.com](mailto:sgwilkof@gmail.com) or 301-346-0764.

SAVE the DATE  
New Windsor Heritage  
Hall of Fame  
Saturday  
November 9, 2019

- \* Celebrating New Windsor's 175th Anniversary
- \* Highlighting Community Champions



175 years

[www.newwindsorheritage.org](http://www.newwindsorheritage.org)

[Johnsville United Methodist Church](#)

**2019 Vacation Bible School  
July 15-19**

Location:  
11106 Green Valley Road  
Union Bridge, MD 21791

Each night dinner will be served at 6:00 PM and the program will begin at 6:30 PM

Pre-registration is required to ensure we have enough supplies for everyone. Registration is due by Sunday, June 30th. Registration forms can be found on the Facebook page.



[St. Luke's Lutheran Church](#)

Native American prayer dancer and flute player, Boe Harris-Nakakakena, will be honoring our Veterans with her dancing and music. Boe has entertained millions, far and wide, including places like the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. Boe has traveled to Europe entertaining our Armed Forces, as well as NATO Bases.

Please Come join us in celebrating our Veterans and Native Americans at St. Luke's Lutheran Church on November 10th between worship services at approximately 9:45 AM

Address:  
701 Green Valley Road  
New Windsor, MD 21776  
(410)-635-6177

The warm days of summer are finally upon us. During this time of year, motorists should remember that we have to "Share the Road" with motorcyclists and bicyclists. That's right, this time of year a larger presence of bicyclists and motorcyclists will be out riding along our roadways enjoying the warm weather. If you weren't aware, the State of Maryland considers bicycles and motorcycles as motor vehicles, which means that all rules of the road apply to them.

Since motorcycles and bicycles are smaller, they are often harder to spot and it's difficult to judge their speed. As a result, many bicyclists and motorcyclists are involved in serious accidents which may lead to fatalities. Motorists should use extra caution when traveling the roadways and should keep the following in mind when traveling around bicyclists and motorcyclists.

- Look twice before merging or changing lanes.
- Yield the right away when making a left turn.
- Do not share a lane with either a bicyclist or motorcyclist.
- Do not tailgate and allow at least 3 to 4 seconds following distance when following a bicycle
- When passing allow at least 3 feet of space. Never honk your horn when passing a bicyclist as you may distract the operator.

Motorists should also understand that bicyclists are allowed to operate in the travel portion of the roadway and to "Share the Road" at:

- Intersections
- Narrow roadways / bridges
- Smaller roadway shoulders are present
- Visible potholes/debris are present

If you are a bicyclist, please remember the following:

- Inspect your bicycle to make sure it's in good working order.
- Wear a properly fitted helmet and eye protection. (Juveniles ages 16 or younger are required to wear a helmet)
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. (1 bottle of liquid per hour is recommended)



- Remember to use hand signals when stopping or turning.

If you are a motorcyclist, please remember the following:

- Motorcyclists should be issued a motorcycle license.
- Inspect your motorcycle to make sure it is in good working order.



# Town of New Windsor 2018 Drinking Water Quality Report

## Important Information About Your Drinking Water

We're pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for 2018. This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we deliver to you every day. Maryland Environmental Service (MES), an Agency of the State of Maryland, operates the water treatment facility and prepared this report on behalf of the Town of New Windsor.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates Public Water Systems and the contaminants found in water through the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The SDWA sets regulations and guidelines for how public water systems operate and identifies several hundred drinking water contaminants, establishes monitoring frequencies and limitations. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is responsible for the enforcement of the SDWA and routinely complete Sanitary Surveys as part of their ongoing inspection and monitoring program. MES provides safe dependable operations of the water system and is dedicated to consistently providing high quality drinking water that meets or exceeds the SDWA standards.

If you have any questions about this report or have questions concerning your water utility, please contact **Jay Janney** at 410-729-8350, e-mail [jjann@menv.com](mailto:jjann@menv.com).

### For More Information:

For the opportunity to ask more questions or participate in decisions that may affect your drinking water quality, the Town Meetings are held at the 1100 Green Valley Road, in the "Community Meeting Room" of the recently renovated Carroll County Library Admin building or contact the **Town Office for additional information at (410) 635-6575**.

**T**he Town of New Windsor water works consists of two drilled wells in the Sams Creek Phyllite formation and a natural spring. After water is pumped out of the wells and collected from the spring, disinfectant is added to protect against microbial contaminants. The Maryland Department of the Environment has performed an assessment of the source water. A copy of the results is available. Call **Maryland Environmental Service at 410-729-8350**.

**S**ome people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791)**.

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# Calendar

<b>July</b>	
6	Carroll County Farmers Market 8:00AM—1:00PM
6	Addiction & Recovery Awareness Music Fest at Carroll County Ag Center 12:00PM—10:00PM
27	Carroll County Farmers Market 8:00AM—1:00PM
<b>August</b>	
3	Old-Fashioned Corn Roast Festival at Union Mills Homestead, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
3	Carroll County Farmers Market 8:00AM—1:00PM
10	Carroll County Farmers Market 8:00AM—1:00PM
17	Carroll County Farmers Market 8:00AM—1:00PM
24	Carroll County Farmers Market 8:00AM—1:00PM
31	Carroll County Farmers Market 8:00AM—1:00PM
<b>September</b>	
7	Carroll County Farmers Market 8:00AM—1:00PM

<b>CARNIVALS &amp; FAIRS 2019</b>	
<b>July</b>	
1-6	Manchester
1-6	Walkersville
1-6	Smithsburg
8-13	Winfield
8-13	Guardian Hose Co., Thurmont
13-20	Washington County Ag Expo & Fair
15-20	Jefferson
15-20	Reese
15-20	Urbana
27-31	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair
<b>August</b>	
1-2	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair
7-10	Libertytown
9-17	Montgomery County Fair
12-17	Hampstead
12-17	Rocky Ridge
22-31	Maryland State Fair
<b>September</b>	
1-2	Maryland State Fair
6-15	York, PA Fair
13-21	The Great Frederick Fair

### St. Paul's United Methodist Church

#### Crab Cake Sale

Cost \$7.00/each

Order crab cakes by Sunday, July 7

Crab cakes will be available Thursday, July 11

Pick up at New Windsor Fire Station

10:30-11:30 AM for uncooked

11:30-12:30 PM for cooked

To order, contact:

Frank Potee at (410)-215-5310

Sandy Brothers at [sfundir@gmail.com](mailto:sfundir@gmail.com)

St. Paul Church Office at [stpaulnewwindsor@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulnewwindsor@gmail.com) or (410)-635-2442

**Vacation Bible School** is being held Monday, August 20 - Friday, August 24 from 6:30 PM-8:30 PM at St. Paul United Methodist Church. This year's theme is Rolling River Rampage. Children aged 3 years old through rising 5th grade are welcome to attend. Registration is free and can be done online at <https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/saintpaulnewwindsor>

**Homemade Mincemeat**—Will be made by the United Methodist Women of St. Paul Church on Monday, October 28 for the Holiday season. Advance orders will be taken to determine the quantity that will be made. There will be 1 1/2 lb. bags for \$10/bag. Orders will be accepted by the church secretary during her office hours of Monday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Thursday 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM, and other days by message on the church number (410)-635-2442 or message (410)-635-2470 (one of our members). The deadline for pre-orders is October 16. Please give your name, phone number and quantity requested. Mincemeat can be picked up at the church kitchen (200 Main St., entering at the side door going upstairs) on two consecutive Saturday's, November 2nd and 9th, from 9:00 AM—12:00 PM. Extra sales will be available as long as supplies last.



# Cubscout Pack 582

## wants you

## Pinewood Derby



Cub Scouts is fun and adventure for boys in grades 1-5. It's friendship, games, camping, arts, outdoors, leadership, service, personal growth, teamwork and much, much more!

**WE ALSO OFFER A PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN BOYS!**

Scouting supports all types of families and we believe in involving families in training our youth. Cub Scouting provides opportunities for family members to work, play, and have fun together.

### Contact Info:

**Nick Dowdy**

Cell: (443)-536-3327

E-Mail: [superpro1974@yahoo.com](mailto:superpro1974@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org)

## Rainwater Regatta



## Camping



### WEST CARROLL REC COUNCIL NEWS

West Carroll serves New Windsor, Union Bridge, Taneytown and surrounding areas.

Anyone interested in Rec Council programs or events is welcome to attend our meetings, which are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00pm at the Old New Windsor School/ County Government Offices/Library Administration Offices in New Windsor.

Next Meeting Dates: **July- NO Meeting/August 12<sup>th</sup>/September 9<sup>th</sup>**

### WINTER SPORTS

Visit our website: [www.gowcrc.com](http://www.gowcrc.com)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/goWCRC>

### FSK Jr. Eagles Basketball

[www.fskjreaglesbasketball.com](http://www.fskjreaglesbasketball.com)

Contact Jeff Eaves [tayb.info@gmail.com](mailto:tayb.info@gmail.com)

### FSK Jr. Eagles Wrestling

[www.stonealley.com/program/FskWrestling/group/Wrestling](http://www.stonealley.com/program/FskWrestling/group/Wrestling)

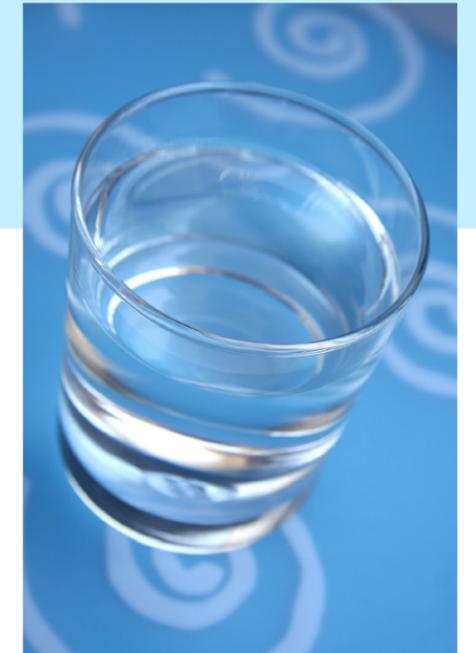
Contact Kent Kallay [info@gofsk.org](mailto:info@gofsk.org)

For general information about West Carroll programs, contact Community Coordinator, Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506. Another source to check for upcoming sports registrations is "RecZone", found in the back of the Sports section of the Carroll County Times on Sundays.

## Town of New Windsor Treated Water Quality Report 2018

### Definitions:

- ◆ **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ◆ **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- ◆ **Action Level** - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow
- ◆ **Treatment Technique (TT)** - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water
- ◆ **Turbidity** - Relates to a condition where suspended particles are present in the water. Turbidity measurements are a way to describe the level of "cloudiness" of the water.
- ◆ **pCi/l** - Picocuries per liter. A measure of radiation.
- ◆ **ppb** - parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- ◆ **ppm** - parts per million or milligrams per liter



### Special points of interest:

Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some compounds. The presence of these compounds does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the **Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Safe Drinking Water Act Hotline (1-800-426-4791)**.

**T**he table on the next page lists all the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the 2018 calendar year. The presence of these compounds in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in the table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2018. The State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year.

## Town of New Windsor Treated Water Quality Report 2018

Contaminant	Highest Level Allowed (EPA's MCL)	Highest Level Detected	Ideal Goal (EPA's MCLG)
<b>Regulated at the Treatment Plant</b>			
<b>Main Spring and Dennings Road Spring - New Windsor Road - Plant I.D. 01</b>			
Nitrate (Range: 2.8 ppm to 4.3 ppm) Typical Source of Contamination: Runoff from fertilizer use and erosion of natural deposits	10 ppm	4.3 ppm	10 ppm
Barium (2017 Testing) Typical Source of Contamination: Erosion of natural deposits	2000 ppb	9.2 ppb	2000 ppb
<b>Hillside Water Plant wells 1 and 2 - Hillside Drive - Plant I.D. 03</b>			
Nitrate Typical Source of Contamination: Runoff from fertilizer use and erosion of natural deposits	10 ppm	3.8 ppm	10 ppm
Barium (2017 Testing) Typical Source of Contamination: Erosion of natural deposits	2000 ppb	40.4 ppb	2000 ppb
Gross Alpha (2016 Testing) Typical Source of Contamination: Erosion of natural deposits <small>* Please read page 4 of the Consumer Confidence report for more information on Gross Alpha Emitters</small>	15 pCi/l	3.6 pCi/l*	0 pCi/l
Combined Radium 226 & 228 (2016 Testing) Typical Source of Contamination: Erosion of natural deposits	5 pCi/l	4 pCi/l	0 pCi/l
<b>Regulated in the Distribution</b>			
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (2018 Testing) Typical Source of Contaminants: By-product of drinking water disinfection	80 ppb	3.0 ppb	N/A
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (2018 Testing) Source: By-product of drinking water chlorination	60 ppb	2.6 ppb	n/a
Chlorine <small>* Annual Average</small> Typical Source of Contamination: Water additive used to control microbes.	4 mg/l	1.62 mg/l* (range: 1.12 to 1.93 mg/l)	4 mg/l
<b>Regulated in the Distribution</b>			
Copper (2018 Testing) Typical Source of Contamination: Corrosion of household plumbing fixtures and systems	<b>Action level</b> 1300 ppb	<b>90th percentile</b> 170 ppb	<b>Ideal Goal</b> 1300 ppb
Lead (2018 Testing) Typical Source of Contamination: Corrosion of household plumbing fixtures and systems	15 ppb	0 ppb	0 ppb

### Contaminants That May Be Present in Source Water:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. Pesticides and Herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses. Inorganic Contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems. Radioactive Contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain compounds in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.



### Sources of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

### Lead Prevention

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of New Windsor is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### Important information regarding Gross Alpha Emitters:

Alpha emitters are naturally occurring radiations in soil, air and water. These emitters generally occur when certain elements decay or break down in the environment. The emitters enter drinking water through various methods including the erosion of natural deposits. There are no immediate health risks from consuming water that contains gross alpha, however some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Currently, the highest level of gross alpha detected is 3.6 pCi/L which is below the 15 pCi/L MCL.

*If you have any questions about this report or your drinking water, please call Jay Janney at 410-729-8350 or email your request to [jjann@menv.com](mailto:jjann@menv.com).*

